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(wherein said rings may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, a lower alkoxy group and a halogen atom, and wherein the lower alkyl group, the lower acyl group and the lower alkoxy group may have one or more substituents).

4. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A is a benzene ring (wherein said benzene ring may have one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group, a lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, a lower alkoxy group and a halogen atom, and wherein the lower alkyl group, the lower acyl group and the lower alkoxy group may have one or more substituents).

5. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein L is $-\text{NR}^3-\text{CO}-$ and X is $-\text{NR}^5-\text{CO}-$ or $-\text{NR}^5-\text{SO}_2-$.

6. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound or the salt thereof according to, Claim 1, wherein L is $-\text{CO}-\text{NR}^3-$ and X is $-\text{NR}^5-\text{CO}$ or $-\text{NR}^5-\text{SO}_2-$.

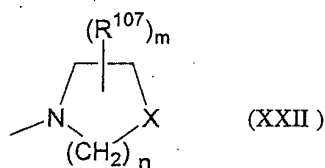
9. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 7,

wherein R^{101} is a lower alkyl group (wherein the alkyl group may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents).

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 10. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 7, wherein R^{103} is an alkyl group having one or more substituents containing one or more hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of a nitrogen atom, an oxygen atom and a sulfur atom.

12. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 7, wherein the ring formed by R^{102} and R^{103} bound to each other together with the nitrogen atom to which they bind is a ring represented by the following general formula (XXII):



[in the formula, X represents $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{NH}-$ or $\text{NR}^{108}-$ [in the formula, R^{108} represents a lower alkyl group, a lower acyl group, a phenyl group or a heterocyclic group (wherein the lower alkyl group, the lower acyl group, the phenyl group and the heterocyclic group may have one or more substituents)]];

n represents an integer of 1 to 4;

R^{107} represents a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a cyano group, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkylthio group, a lower alkylcarbonyl group (wherein the

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lower alkyl group, the lower alkoxy group, the lower alkylthio group and the lower alkylcarbonyl group may contain a ring structure, and may have one or more substituents),

A3 an aryl group (wherein the aryl group may have one or more substituents) or a heterocyclic group;

m represents an integer of 0 to 4, and when two or more of R^{107} exist, respective R^{107} s are independent and may be the same or different].

14. (Amended-Clean Text) A medicament comprising as an active ingredient a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound according to Claim 1 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

18. (Amended-Clean Text) The compound according to Claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, which is a ligand for neuropeptide Y receptor.

AS 19. (Amended-Clean Text) Use of a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound according to Claim 1 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof for manufacture of a medicament.

20. (Amended-Clean Text) A method for controlling ingestion, which comprises the step of administering an effective amount of a substance selected from the group consisting

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of the compound according to Claim 1 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof to a mammal including human.

AS 21. (Amended-Clean Text) A method for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of a disease in which NPY is involved, which comprises the step of administering an effective amount of a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound according to Claim 1 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof to a mammal including human.

Ab 24. (Amended-Clean Text) A medicament for controlling ingestion, which comprises as an active ingredient a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound represented by the general formula (IV) according to Claim 22 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

25. (Amended-Clean Text) A medicament for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of diabetes, which comprises as an active ingredient a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound represented by the general formula (IV) according to Claim 22 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

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26. (Amended-Clean Text) A medicament for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of hypercholesterolemia, hyperlipidemia or arteriosclerosis, which comprises as an active ingredient a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound represented by the general formula (IV) according to Claim 22 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof.

AG 27. (Amended-Clean Text) Use of a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound represented by the general formula (IV) according to Claim 22 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof for manufacture of a medicament.

28. (Amended-Clean Text) A method for controlling ingestion, which comprises the step of administering an effective amount of a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound represented by the general formula (IV) according to Claim 22 and a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, and a hydrate thereof and a solvate thereof to a mammal including human.

29. (Amended-Clean Text) A method for therapeutic and/or prophylactic treatment of a disease in which NPY is involved, which comprises the step of administering an effective amount of a substance selected from the group consisting of the compound